



Davenport Fig Cousin
Tea Leaf Creamer



Clementson Heavy Square
Teaberry Butter Dish

Elsmore & Forster
Portland Shape Morning Glory
Covered Vegetable Tureen



Anthony Shaw
Chinese Shape
Tea Leaf Butter Dish



Moss Rose Cable Shape
Child's Sauce Dish



W. Grindley Favorite Shape
Tea Leaf
Covered Vegetable Tureen



Tea Leaf Ironstone China & Tea Leaf Club International

Tea Leaf: A Brief History

In exploring the history of Tea Leaf Ironstone China, we travel back to the days of our grandmothers—and before. Historically, Tea Leaf was considered to be any English or American-produced ironstone china decorated with the traditional Tea Leaf motif consisting of three leaves and a bud in copper or gold lustre. Today's collectors have expanded that definition of Tea Leaf to include all white ironstone decorated with copper lustre or gold motifs and/or banding. Names for these Tea Leaf variant motifs include Teaberry, Morning Glory, Pinwheel, and Cinquefoil among others. Collectors of lustre-decorated white ironstone (i.e. Ceres & Laurel Wreath) and lustre-enhanced transfer-printed ironstone (i.e. Moss Rose and Lustre-enhanced Flow Blue) are also welcome.

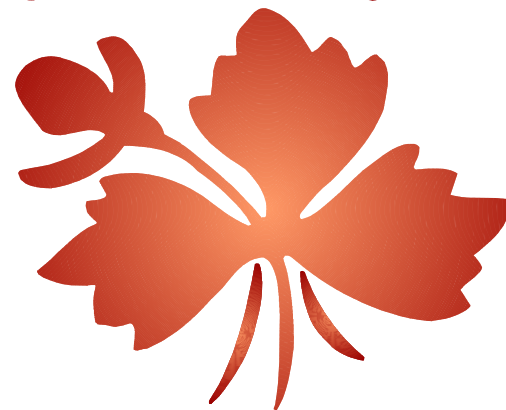
What is Tea Leaf?

Beginning in the 1840's English potters manufactured white ironstone china decorated with lustre bands and/or simple motifs, exclusively for the American market. Anthony Shaw is considered to have produced the original Tea Leaf motif on his Niagara Fan and Chinese Shape body styles registered in 1856. These were the first of over 150 body styles decorated with the Tea Leaf motif produced by dozens of English and American potters. These talented potters continued to produce this beautiful copper lustre decorated white ironstone until the beginning of the 20th century. Shipped across the Atlantic in huge sailing vessels, Tea Leaf Ironstone China became the everyday tableware of Americans. It adorned tables in town and farm homes across the country. Today it is used and displayed in homes and museums around the land.

Purpose and History of the Club

In 1980, some 130 years after the introduction of Tea Leaf to the American market, a group of Tea Leaf collectors from ten states gathered in Illinois to formally organize the Tea Leaf Club International (TLCI). Members now come from across the U.S. The Tea Leaf Club is dedicated to the study of Tea Leaf Ironstone China and its Variants and supports Tea Leaf collectors through its many activities. TLCI members collect, study and are passionate about Tea Leaf Ironstone China.

You are invited to join...



*Tea Leaf Club
International*

*For collectors and enthusiasts of
Tea Leaf Ironstone China
and its Copper Lustre cousins,
including Ceres, Moss Rose, and more!*



Anthony Shaw Lily-of-the-Valley Tea Leaf Coffeepot, circa 1860s

For more information visit us
online at
www.TeaLeafClub.com
and join us on Facebook

Membership Invitation

Please enter a membership in Tea Leaf Club International for:

1st Name _____ 2nd Name _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Membership Year: January 1 thru December 31. Regular dues are \$30 for one or two persons at the same address.
☐ Please do NOT list me in Club Membership Directory. (Unless you check here you will be listed in the directory.)
☐ I am interested in participating on a Tea Leaf committee.
☐ I would like to receive my Tea Leaf Readings at the email address shown above. (Email Readings are printed in full color)

**Please make check payable to Tea Leaf Club International and mail to:
Tea Leaf Club Membership, 2794 W. County Road 350S, Connersville, IN 47331**

Benefits of Membership

Membership

Open to anyone interested in Tea Leaf or its Variants. To join, complete and return the attached Membership invitation with your check to the address listed. Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. If you join the club mid-year, you will receive all newsletters published during the year you join, and your membership will renew in December of the same year.

Tea Leaf Readings: Our Newsletter

Tea Leaf Readings has been described as one of the most interesting antique publications in the country

- ✿ Sent to all current TLCI members three to four times a year
- ✿ Packed with educational articles and photos (full-color for those who select to receive by email)
- ✿ Includes updates on annual convention, and information from and about Club members

Web Resources: Tea Leaf Website www.TeaLeafClub.com and our Facebook Page

- ✿ Carries interesting articles and educational information
- ✿ Links to Tea Leaf's Facebook site and other ironstone collector clubs
- ✿ Annual convention and auction consignment details
- ✿ Facebook gives members a social media network to connect, ask questions, and interact with Tea Leaf specialists
- ✿ The Tea Leaf Online Guide is the premiere resource for information about Tea Leaf Ironstone China.

Educational Commitment

The Education Committee is the research arm of TLCI

- ✿ Focuses on the research and publication of newsletter articles for Tea Leaf Readings
- ✿ Produces educational supplements devoted to specific potters, body styles, motifs, and Tea Leaf pieces
- ✿ Develops and promotes the use of standardized terminology for the various body styles and motifs
- ✿ Created and maintains the online and print versions of the Handbook of Tea Leaf Body Styles, and the Handbook of Tea Leaf Potters, and their subsequent updates and improvements. These definitive references are the best available educational resources devoted to English and American Tea Leaf. They consist of hundreds of pages of photos, descriptions, potters, dates of manufacture of Tea Leaf Body Ironstone China

National Conventions

The TLCI annual convention is a time for Friends, Facts, and Fun

- ✿ Buy, sell, or trade Tea Leaf
- ✿ Meet other people who share their passion for these highly collectible pieces
- ✿ Learn from speakers and education programs featuring topics of interest to Tea Leaf collectors
- ✿ Explore the U.S. since meetings are held in different locations each year, usually in September
- ✿ See displays of rare and unusual pieces
- ✿ Participate in sales and swaps; auction; dealers and collectors offering Tea Leaf and related items for sale throughout the weekend, as well as other weekend activities

It's an overwhelming experience for experienced and new members alike!

Membership Directory

TLCI has members across the U.S. and the membership directory is a resource for you connect to other members in your area.

